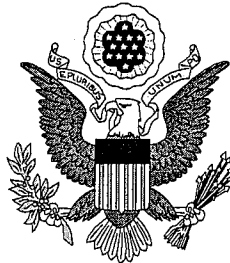


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



NOTICE TO COUNSEL
NO. 03-21

The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico began implementation of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing project in March 2003, with the goal of going live in January 2004. This system will replace aging electronic case management systems with features that enable attorneys to file over the Internet. The system was developed by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts and is now being used by other U.S. district and bankruptcy courts.

The Court strongly encourages attorneys to learn more about this exciting project. The system will provide unprecedented access to Court records with widely available and inexpensive technology. The CM/ECF system has been officially adopted by this federal court and all filings will be electronically when the program becomes operational.

The Court requests your active assistance in disseminating the advantages of this new project and becoming involved in its implementation process. Overview sessions will be provided to all attorneys and supporting staff (law clerks/secretaries) on September 15, 16, 17 and 18, 2003, at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. in designated courtrooms to be subsequently announced. The following are the contact persons to sign in for the overview sessions:

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Additional information about the system and electronic filing can be obtained by visiting the Court's web page, <http://www.prd.uscourts.gov>.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 21st day of August, 2003.



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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT